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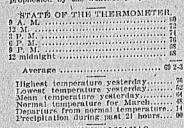
SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS!

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Forecast: Virginia—Rain, followed by rain and color Saturday; Sunday fair; fresh west

to northwest winds.

North Carolina-Rain and not so warn Saturday; Sunday fair; fresh west winds.

Yesterday was a warm, spring-like day and up to midnight last night the mer-cury had given no indications of the fall, prophesied by the weather people.



RICHMOND.

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Cas stove responsible for the death of J. A. Love, of Mecklenburg, at the Vallentine House—State tax on injuor dealers doubled by the Senate Committee on Elimane—Mann bill amended and favorably reported to the Senate—Henrico people discuss action of Fire Commissioners; opinion of the City Attorney—Fair Philadelphia team defeats Richmond College boys—Large stern-post for a battle-ship is fashioned here—Movement for the ship is fashioned here—Movement for the ship is fashioned here—Movement for the rolled of, aged Presbyterian ministers—Lee Camp considers appropriation of a housand dollars for New Orleans trip—Lee Camp considers appropriation of a housand dollars for New Orleans trip—Leonelimentals on bill for the new jall—Councilment talk on bill for the new jall—Councilment talk on bill for the new jall—Councilment talk on bill for the new jall—committee—Report on Campbell case submitted to Legislature by sergeantal-rams—Lieutenani-Governor Willard disclaims any intention of offending Concease Exchange. MANCHESTER—Lieutenani-Governor Willard disclaims any intention of offending Concease and the present—Bowling Club practicing half present—Bowling Club practicing half —Entertainment for the benefit of Contral Church—Elks' Lodge to the instituted next Thursday night—Successful ple party—Religious services to-day.

VIRGINIA.

The coal lands of Buchanan and their title—Home of a negro wrecked with fivnamint at Christiansburg—Lawyer and editor at Woodstock marries suddenly—Telephone company organized in Patrick county—Legal fight in Stafford over a cow—Three well known men mentioned for the Senate to succeed Dr. Le Cato—Bond issue for proposed electric road defeated in Stafford county—Clarence Hodges shot by Duck Carter in Reanoke—First Baplist Church in Alexandria to celebrate its anniversary on April 19th—Convent to be built at Woodstock—Panville will join Virginia-Carolina Baseball League—Old-Street Methodist Church in Petersburg has been pulled down—Liquor licenses in Newport News raised—Ordinance prohibiling women in barrooms becomes effective in Portsmouth to-day—National Elks Home at Bedford soon to be dedicated—Oyster shells at Norfolk are bringing good prices—Petersburg Council renews contract with Passenger and Power Company for street lights—Washington and Lee defeats Egatern College of Front Royal at Lexington, Marriages—Samuel E. Pitts and Miss Sadie S. Travers in Maryland; D. R. Fuqua and Miss Annie E. Feather in Roanoke, Milton Burner and Miss Lula Fahnestock in Maurertown. Deaths—Clarence B. Jones in Portsmouth; Julius J. Harrell in Norfolk; Miss Helen Myers in Strasburg; Mrs. Sadie V. Anderson in Petersburg; Bernard Starke in Petersburg; Bernard Starke in Petersburg; Bernard Starke in Petersburg; Colonel Thomas L. Preston at Charlottesville; Mrs. James Piper at Bristol.

NORTH CAROLINA.

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susckeeper, is three times wounded. The
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lling of Dr. H. T. Bass, Baker is balled
r trial at the Sentember term of the
urth North Carolina Capitol Commism thinks a million dollars is needed for
provements and extensions—State
css Association to meet at Wrightsville
—Vanderbilt, is building a new hunting
ige—Judge Boyd hears a unique case,

President has reappointed Crum to be collector of port at Charleston, S. C.—
Thought certain that Congress will be convened in extra session during early part of October—Clauses in Cuban treaty said to be conflicting and may result in making it of no avail—Freighter coilides with Fall River boat, resulting in death and injury of many—Hotel burned in Michigan; one man killed and many very badly burned—Arguments in the Wabash injunction suit are concluded, and Judgo Adams has decision under advisement—Defense finishes its side of the Northern Becurities Company case and the Government will conclude to-day—Bids are asked for the new battleships—Findings of grand jury in case of the West Virginia fight are laid before President Roosevelt—Stock market shows general improvement and closed active with prices of many issues at the best; money easier—Mississippl situation is oven more critical; other breaks in the levees are more serious than the first, and water is higher than ever before—Monkey gave fire alarm in New York and saved many lives—Car caught fire on the Brooklyn Bridge and a small panie ensued that might have proved serious but for prompt action. esident has reappointed Crum to be eter of port at Charleston, S. C.— ight certain that Congress will be rened in extra session during early

CUBAN TREATY MAY NEVER BE AGREED TO

retary of State Loomis and Mr. Quesada, the Cuban minister, after discussing the prospects of an exchange of ratifications for the Cuban treaty within the time limit, to-day decided to cable President Palma, requesting him to call the Cuban Congress in extraordinary session immediately for this purpose, as that body otherwise would not meet until April 7, saven days after the expiration of the legal time limit of the exchange of ratis-

cations.
Such imperfect readings of the treaty can be had at this stage that the State Department officials have some doubt as to their ability to do anything whatever with the convention. The amendments made by the Senate, particularly that adding to the ratifying article, may result in the compilete loss of the treaty. There are conflicting clauses which it may not be possible to reconcile. Department officials have some doubt as to their ability to do anything whats to their ability to do anything whats seven with the convention. The amendments made by the Senate, particularly that adding to the ratifying article, may not be possible to reconcile.

Secretary Hay Back.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 20.—Secretary Hay Fetured in Washington today. He oilloyed a period of porfect rest suring his fortnight's stay are Thomasyllo, its kind ever made. It is fortly-seven feet long. Every line in it is offferent, and hence the work has had to be done entirely by hand. From twenty-flye to thirty men have been engaged on it for the past seven weeks. The steel cast which will be modeled from the pattern will weigh 125 or 130 times.

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NEGRO BOY ESCAPES LYNCHING

Had Killed Old Man and Wounded His Niece.

SHE SHOWED GREAT PRESENCE OF MIND

Rushed on the Boy and Was Able to Bar the Door.

GREAT EXCITEMENT NEAR REIDSVILLE

Governor Aycock Wires That the Law Must Be Respected and That a Special Term of Court Will Be Held. Prompt Action of the She-

riff in Suppressing a Threatened Lynching

REIDSVILLE, N. C., March 20. -One the darkest crimes in the annals of Rockcounty was committed in the Carmel section, five miles from Reidsville. last night. John Broadnax, a negro, sixteen years old, killed Mr. Sydney Bla!r an estimable old citizen, and shot his niece, Miss Sailie Walker, in three different places. Miss Walker\is a school eacher and housekeeper for Blair.

About dark yesterday afternoon, while Blair and his niece, Miss Walker, were at supper, the negro entered the house and engaged in conversation with Blair Without warning he drew a pistol and fired upon them. Blair was killed almost instantly, two balls taking effect. One entered at the collar-bone and the other pierced the bowels. Miss Walker was wounded at three different places one ball taking effect just under skin of the neck, another went through the muscle of the arm, and another grazed the thigh.

With rare presence of mind Miss Walker rushed on the negro and pushed him through the door, which she barred, and then placed a quilt underneath the prostrate form of her uncle. She then left the building to notify neighbors, who

When they arrived the negro was found in the kitchen in the act of pillaging. Without resisting he was captured. When unarmed his pistol was found to have been reloaded, and but for their mick action he would probably have es

caped.

About the time Deputy Sheriff John C. Faucette arrived there was talk among those whom had gathered, which indicated there was danger of the negro being lynched. Two or there suggested that evidence was conclusive, and that the negro's confession made doubt impossible, but they were guickly told that the but they were quickly told that this would not do.

BOLD SHERIFF.
"I know your faces," said Deputy Sheriff Faucette, "If you harm him, or permit him to be harmed, I will have you

every one arrested."

The news of the horrible crime quickly The negro made a full confession; stated that he was told by another person to commit the deed, and it was his intention to search the premises for money and valuables.

Mr. Bair was about sixty years old, a ant. Bair was about saxy years out, a native of Pittsylvania county, Virginia, and had been a resident of this county ten years. Miss Saille Walker was his lousekeeper and taught school in the neighborhood. She is about twanty-five years old and was devoted to her aged uncle. Mr. Blair was robbes of sixty uncle. Mr. Blair was robbed of sixty dollars recently, and officers have been trying to locate the perpetrator of that crime. Yesterday Breadmax passed through Reidsville and several people assert that he had a number of watches, new clothes, and two or three vallees. He left the Carmel section, where he had been working as a farm laborer for some time, about the time the money was missed from Blair's home. It is supposed uncle. Mr. Blair was robbed of sixty missed from Blair's home. It is supposed that he got the money at that time, and

THE LARGEST **EVER FASHIONED**

Pattern for Stern-Post of Battleship Louisiana Will Be Shipped To-Day.

The wooden model of the stern post of the Louisiana, which, when completed, will be the largest battleship in the United States navy, will be shipped to day from this city, where it has just been completed, by the Richmond Pattern Works.

returned last night to get what jewelry and other valuables he could find.
GOVISINOR NOTIFIED.
Sherinf Plunix notified Governor Aycock this morning of the crime, and was assured that the negro would have trial ty special term of court. Mayor Watt also received the following telegram from the Governor:

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"Please use your good offices to preserve peace of State. Special term court will be ordered. Assure the citizens that the law will be speedily enforced."

Ex-Sheriff Fluicherson and other inductifual citizens have gone to the section where the crime was committed to advise the neighbors of Blair against any violence.

Owing to the fear of lynching the negro was carried to Greensbore to-night. Company G. Third Regiment. National Guards, was stationed at the armory the entire day under orders.

GENERAL CORBIN ON VISIT TO THE GOULDS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Major-General Corbin, adjutant-general of the army, and Mrs. Corbin, left here this evening for Jokyl Island for a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould. During General Corbin's absence Colonel William Hall will act as adjutant

U. S. TAR GIVEN MEDAL BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 20.—J. Ryan, a sailor now serving on the monitor Puritan Hampton Roads, has been presented by the British Government with a silver medal in recognition of his service as a trooper in the Canadian scouts in the campaigns in the Transvaal, Orange Free State and the Cape Colony. The medal was forwarded through the State Department, and will be delivered to Ryan at the first opportunity.

BEEF TRUST ORDERED OUT

The Missouri Supreme Court Found Five Firms Guilty.

ALL WERE HEAVILY FINED

Maintained an Unlawful Combination to Control the Price of Meat-Met on Certain Days to Fix

the Price.

The Missouri Supreme Court to-day found of maintaining an unlawful combination of Missouri and issued an order of uster, prohibiting them from doing business in this State, and to pay a fine the proceedings. The companies are fine imposed, and if during that time the fine the ouster will be held in abey mitted to continue their business in

The companies affected by the decision are the Armour Packing Company, Cudahy Packing Company, the Hammond Packing Company and Swift & Company, of Chicago, and the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company, of New York. The opinion to-day holds that the evidence obtained at the hearings show conclusively that there was a combination of packers to maintain trust prices on beef in Alissouri; that the packers met on certain days to fix the prices for the current week; that rebating was done; that the same prices prevailed at all the coolers at the same time; that no competitor could enter the field against the pack The companies affected by the decision ers at the same time; that he competers to could enter the field against the packers, because the combination would cut the prices of beef.

It was also charged by the Attorney-General that the companies were guilty of selling diseased meat.

THREE AND A HALF DAYS TO SAN FRANCISCO

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
OMAHA, NEB., March 20.—Regarding
the plans of the Harriman-Venderbilt

the plans of the Harriman-Venderbilt lines for the coming year a Union Pacific official said yesterday;
"We propose to cut the time from New York to San Francisco to three and one-half days. This will be accomplished as the result of work now about to be begun. Contracts have already been let for doubling 144 miles of track. This road will have ten thousand men at work this spring, if they can be obtained, on new construction work.

"The Southern Pacific is now planning a tunnel through the Nevada Mountains, to cost \$10,000,000. This will make a tremendous difference in present schedules. Wha heaviest work, however, will be the

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LEE CAMP HOLDS A BIG MEETING

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LAY DEAD **ALL'ALONE** MANY HOURS

J. A. Love the Victim of a Gas Stove.

FOUND LIFELESS AT VALENTINE HOUSE

Every Indication That His Death Was Accidental.

WAS A MERCHANT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Came to Richmond to Purchase Goods Evidently Turned on the Wrong Jet in Lighting the Gas and Falled to Turn it Off and Was Found at 5 o'Clock Yester-

In a room recking with escaped gas, man, supposed to be Joseph A. Love, a

man, supposed to be Joseph A. Love, a Mecklenburg county merchant, was found dead in bed yesterday afternoon at the Valentine House, in this city.

The case is clearly one of death by asphysiation, though whether accidental or otherwise cannot, of course, with accuracy be said. Indications, however, seem to substantiate the belief that ignorance of a peculiar arrangement of gas fixtures is the sole cause of the tragedy. A thorough investigation of the circumstances develops nothing which would

stances develops nothing which would establish a theory of suicide.

CAME THURSDAY NIGHT.

The residence of the dead man at the Valentine House dated from Thursday evening. About 10:30 o'clock that hight ic entered the place and engaged a room for a night's lodging, for which he paid in advance. From all accounts he expected to leave the next morning, and he did not even make arrangements to get his breakfast.

The stranger was dressed in a sult of black. No register is kept at the house, and the proprietor did not even inquire the name and occupation of the lodger. The man was at once shown to his room, and nothing more was seen or heard of him until he was found dead.

DOOR WAS LOCKED.

About 10 o'clock yesterday morning a chambermald went to the room, but chambermaid went to the room, but found the door locked. Frequently when strangers come in late at night they strangers came in late at night they strangers and no movement was made to disturb the slumberer. Throughout the day nothing was seen or heard of the gotten up and gone about his business The next visit made to the room he occu-pled was in the afternoon at 5 o'clock, when the chambermaid went again, this time to clean up. The door was still locked, and the circumstances were noted with suspicion.

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The woman peered through the key hole, but could see nothing. The view was obstructed by the key sticking in on the other side. A faint odor of gas, could be detected, and this at once confirmed the suspicion aroused by the locked door, A skeleton key was used to remove the other and the door was finally opened.

When the rush of gas permitted those on the outside to enter a ginstly sight met their eyes. Stretched upon he bed, with his mouth open and his hands outspread, lay the lodger of the night before. He was stiff and cold in death, and had evidently been so for some hours.

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The probable course of events can only be guessed at, but the accepted theory easily accounts for what followed. The man evidently entered the room and reached up to light the gas. He turned on the stove, but finding that that didn't work he turned the other and lighted the jet. The stop-cock to the stove he left open. After completing his arrangements for the night, which owing to the lateness of the hour were probably briefly disposed of, the man turned off the jet and went to bed. But the gas from the stove was still escaping, and it continued to do so throughout the night, The man went peacefully off

TRIVIAL MATTER SAYS DIRECTOR

He is Under Arrest Charged With Embezzlement to the Amount of \$15,000,

There was a great big meeting of Lee

continued to the matter of appropriating \$1,000 to pay the expenses of carrying delegates and others to New Orleans on the occasion of the rounion in May was briefly discussed, and was passed by until next Friday night.

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PHILADELPHIA. PA. March 20.—Charged with embezzlement and other irregularities to the amount of about \$15,000. George B. White, the vice-president and a director of the Bank of South Pennsylvania, at Hyndman, Bedford county, was arrested by a deputy marshal today and held in \$5,000 ball by United States Commissioner Craig for a further hearing next week. The warrant was severe out by Special Bank Exampler.

W. A. Mason, who stated that he was sarrested at his office in this city. He did not appear agitated at the charges made agalnst him, and treated the matter, as if it were of small importance, "It is only a trivial matter," he said, the provide for the Commissioner Craig for a further was arrested by a deputy marshal today and held in \$5,000 ball by United States Commissioner Craig for a further was arrested at the was severe out by Special Bank Exampler.

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into a sleep, from which he was to have no waking. He died as peacefully. Not even the bed clothes were disarranged.

As soon as the body was discovered Coroner Taylor was summoned, and viewed the remains. He pronounced death due to asphyxiation, and unbesitatingly declares it to be accidental. He discovered no signs whatsoever of suicidal intest.

PAPERS FOUND ON HIM. Efforts to identify the man were at first fruitiess. When his person was searched, however, there was discovered upon him a letter address to "Joseph A. Love, Chase City, Va.," and a bank book on the Mecklenburg County Bank, of Chase City. The book was in the name of J. A. Love & Co. An attempt was made by Mr. C. G. Pettit, proprietor of the house, to get a telegram through to Chase City, but the office was closed for the night.

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Turther investigation developed the fact that the supposed Mr. Love came to Richmond on Thursday, and that he came here obviously for the purpose of purchasing supplies for his store. He was with Mr. Johnson, of C. B. Antrim & Co., wholesale grocers, on Thursday and he had an engagement to meet him again yesterday. He did not appear, however, and Mr. Johnson left town at 6 o'clock in the afternoon before communication could be had with him.

One or two gentlemen from Mecklenburg county were seen by Mr. Pettit, who wished to identify the man beyond doubt. Mr. Read, member of the House of Delegates from that county, was called in, but he could add pothing to the little stock of evidence in hand. He had heard of Mr. Love, but had nover come into personal contact with him.

'After some further inquiries Mr. Pettit turned the remains over to Undertaker Hilley, to be prepared for burlat. Meanwhile steps will be taken to get word to the man's friends and relatives in Chase city.

SEVERAL SIMILAR DEATHS.

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The frequency of accidents and deaths
in Rielimond from gas stoves and the
like occasions, remark. Within recent
times there have been several deaths
here from asyphiziation.

THE MONKEY **GAVE ALARM**

Saved Lives of Several Persons as Well as His Own.

LAMP EXPLODED IN STORE

By Continual Screeching Ring-Tailed Monkey Attracted Attention of Policeman, Who Turned in Fire Alarm-Birds Smothered.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWARK, N. J., March 20.-A ring tailey monkey was the means this aflarge apartment house, when fire broke out in a bird store kept by Charles San man, on the ground floor, at that ad-

The animal gave the alarm, and by his continued screeching attracted the attention of Patrolman MacDonald, who had just passed the store. The monkey had just passed the store. The monkey cage was in the rear of the store, About 3 c'clock a kerosene lamp which was left burning exploded. The burning oil spread about the floor and soon the store was after. The monkey was crouched in a corner of the cage when some of the oil touched his body, Immediately the little beast began his screeching. The owls soon joined the monkey, and it was not long before the fire department was on hand. The fire department was on hand. The fire fighters forced their way into the niore. When the smoke cleared away and the fire was extinguished it was found that little damage had been done by the flames, but a few lives had been sacrificed. Two canarles and a reed bird were smothered.

BANKER ASSAULTED BY NEGRO WITH HATCHET

(By Associated Press.) SPRING CITY, TENN., March 20.-SPRING CITY, TENN, March 20.—
A. D. Paul, one or the most prominent citizens of this place and proprietor of a local bank, was assaulted last night by Doc. Darwin, a negro, whom he had discharged from his service. The negro used a hatchet or some like instrument, and Mr. Paul's skull was fractured in addition to other injuries.

Late reports to-day say he is in a precarlous condition. Darwin fled after committing the assault, and a posse and bloodhounds gave classe, capturing him after a long run through the country. Officers with difficulty prevented a mob forming and taking the negro. Darwin was removed to the county jail at Dayton.

GIRL A BURGLAR TO **GET BRIDAL OUTFIT**

(Sarcial to The Times-Dispatch.)
DERBY, CONN., March 20.—To get money for housekeeping when married, twelve-year-old Lena Cook confessed that she had broken into and robbed eight houses in Bristol. She said she saw no wrong in her acts because the homes she despoiled were those of the rich. In the City Court vesierday, Judge Newell committed her to the Industrial School for Girls, at Middleton, She is the daughter of Alexander Cook, a loading citizen of Bristol.

LIQUOR MEN TO FIGHT

Will Oppose Before the Council the In crease in Their Licenses.

There will be an attempt made at the next meeting of the Common Council to have the city liquor ilcenses recommit-ted, with instructions that they be cut

ted, with instructions that they be cut considerably.

As was stated in this paper vesterday morning the readjustment of the liquor is thenses places 215 saloons in the first (\$250) class, and leaves a few very few, in the third class. There are not many in the intermediate grade, and the dealers are dissatisfied as a result.

The Finance Committee says that the budget was prepared and the appropriations made to run the city with an idea in view of receiving over \$50,000 additional from the liquor dealers, and if it is out the departments will run short at the send of the year.

DOUBLED THE TAX ON LIQUOR MEN

Mann Bill May Yet Win Determined to Force in the Fight.

IT IS AMENDED. AND IS REPORTED

Applies Almost Wholly to the Rural Districts.

INCREASED REVENUE FROM RAISING TAX

Estimated That the Amount Will Reach the Sum of a Hundred Thousand per Annum-How the Vote on the Mann Bill in the Committee Stood Before It Was Amended.

The Mann liquor bill has won its first ported as an amendment to the general tax bill, which came from the Committee on Finance yesterday to the rary to indications up to that time.

Mann features of the famous Quarles-Barbour resolution, fought over so long in the recent Constitutional Convention, and the Mann bill, which was practically the former with the cities exempted, will cause a big fight on the floors of the two louses, yet its passage is confidently predicted by Judge Mann, the popular patron, and Messrs Wickham and Boaz, the chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Finance, are of opinion that it will go through. EXEMPT TOWNS.

The amendment was so modified as to exempt towns of 500 inhabitants and over, and all watering places and summer resorts.

It provoked a long struggle in e and upon the proposition with towns of 1,000 and over exempted, the body was a tie, the vote having been 7 to 6 against it before the latter was offered. But finally yesterday morning the patron agreed to the further modification ex-empting towns of 500 and over and all summer resorts and watering places, and the way was clear, there appearing little opposition on the final vote. WAS A CONFLICT.

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The bill was reported as an amendment to the omnibus revenue bill rather than as an independent measure, because it was in conflict with some of the provisions of the latter, and it made a part of a new basis of taxation for the liquor deulers of the State.

It is estimated that the net gain in revenue from this source will be about \$100,000.

TAX DOUBLED.

amondment provides that before procuring a license to sell liquor within the territory included in the bill, which is all the rural districts with the towns, &c., mentioned above exempted, the applicant must have the endorsement of a majority of the qualified voters in the magisterial district where the said license is desired. That the liquor people are going to put up a powerful flight against any change, and, especially the Mann amendment, there is no doubt, but well posted legislators are of opinion that the bill as amended will become law.

HOW THEY VOTED.

The committee originally lined up six to six on the Mann bill, with Senator St. Clair absent, as follows:

For the bill—Messrs. Wickham, Lupton, Keezell, Chapman, Donohoe, Claytor, Against the bill—Messrs, Harvey, Massile, Garrett, Shackelford, Anderson, Sale, As indicated, Mr. St. Clair was away and he could not be recorded one way or the other.

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STREET-CAR BLAZE CAUSED A PANIC

Wild Dash for Loop and Fire Extinguisher Prevented a Serious Disaster.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.) NEW YORK, March 20.—The sight of a Ralph Avenue trolley car ablaze from a burning fuse on the loop at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Briege, caused a small panic during the morning

The car got aftro on the bridge, and the motorman made a wild dash for the loop, none of the passengers being aware of the blaze. As soon as the car arrived, there was an instant crush, which came very near being a fatal panic. The quick action of the police, however, prevented it. Bridge Detectives Broderick and Lauderbaum, with a fire extinguisher, soon had the fire under control.

One man started to turn in an alarm, but was prevented.

PRESIDENT REAPPOINTS **NEGRO CRUM**

Him on Charleston.

SENATE WILL BE ASKED TO ACT

Almost Certain That Congress Will Be Convened.

BIDS ARE ASKED FOR THE NEW BATTLESHIPS

Findings of Grand Jury in Case of Fight Between Miners and United States Deputy Marshals in West Virginia Laid Before the President Has Not Been Mald Public.

No. 1417 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., March 20. The President late this afternoon re

appointed W. D. Crum, colored, to the leston. The Senate at the regular ses though the Committee on Commerce, to which such appointments are referred strenuous efforts were made by the Republican Senators closest to the administration to have the committee act on the nonlinition at the a tra se sion, but the Democrats, with the aid of Senator El-kins and two or three other Republicans

Democrats, with the aid of Senator Elkins and two or three other Republicans
on the committee, prevented the committee's reporting.

The President, who has never swerved
in his detarmination to force the appointment of the negro upon the white people of Charleston, despite the protest of
nearly every business man in the cityreappointed Crum to-day, and the Senatowill the asked to act on the appointment
when it next convenes, which will almost
certainly be in October. There is thought
to be no doubt that an extra session
will be called for about October 10th.

NEW BATTLESHIPS.

The circulars asking for bids for the
three 16,000-ton battleships authorized by
the last naval appropriation act were issued to-day. The ships will be practicaljy identical with the Connecticut and
Louisiana, the principal change being
slightly heavier armor for the superstructure and slightly lighter armor at
the top of the regular armor belt. The
bids are to be opened June 3d. The ships
are to be competed in forty-two months.

Ex-Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia, United States Attorney for the
southern district of that State, to-day
presented the President with an important report made by the grand jury
to Judge Benjamin F. Keller on the recent conflict between miners and deputy
marshals at Standiford, Rajeigh county,
West Virginia in which five men were
killed and nearly twice as many wounded. The grand jury in Judge Keller
court investigated the tragedy in great
detail, and has gone into a full report
of the affair. Judey Keller thought it
was his duty to send the report to the
Department of Justice, and it was submitted to Solicitor-General Hoyt, acting
Attorney-General to-day by Mr. Atkiffsen who brought the trenort to Washing-TAX DOUBLED.

The present tax on liquor dealers is doubled and this would bring an increase of \$200,000, according to Messrs. Moll-waine and Boaz, and the decrease of \$100,000 net. Dudge the Mann bill amendment will reduce this sum and make it \$100,000 net. Judge Mann Is satisfied with the bill as reported, inasmuch as it was the best he could get, and he believes it will prescheed by the cross-roads bar-room out of business in the rural districts. The amendment provides that before procuring a license to sell liquor within the grand jury fixes the blame for the regard.

Its MADE PUBLIC.

The special report of the Federal grand jury in Judge Kellar's court, was madd public to-night by permission of Attorney-General Knox. The grand jury assigns as a reason for making a special report, the fact that there had been grave violations of the law, ending in bloodshed, and that wide newspaper notoriety, with gross misregresentations, had been given the affair and great injury done the officers of the court. The report recounts the efforts of Charles Evans, organizer of the United Mine Workers, to prevent resistance to the service of the writs, and goes on to say that the mob was composed largely of the lawless element of the community, or strangers who had come in there to take advantage of the lawlessness originating with, and fostered by the United Mine Workers in the vicinity of the trouble.

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MR. JONES PROMOTED.

It was announced at the general offices of the Southern Railway in this city to-day that Mr. A. Gordon Jones had been appointed assistant to General Superintendent Sumner J. Collins. The position is one created for Mr. Jones, who for several years, and up to about two weeks ago, was superintendent of the Southern.

Warren R. Choate succeeded him yesterday, Mr. Jones will have his head-quarters at Salisbury, N. C.

THLMAN ASTUTE.

It has been discovered at the Treasury Department that Senator Tillman is more than a match for "Uncle Joe" Cannon, and all of the rest of the Republicans here, who have persistently refused to allow the payment by the Government of its just debts to individual States, if the State be south of Mason and Dixon. Mr. Tillman came near causing an extra session of Congress because of the action of the Republicans, headed by Mr. Cannon, in refusing to allow the claim of South Carolina for \$1,000 for moneys advanced in an old Indian war. To avoid an extra session of, or to defeat the general deficiency bill, Mr. Tillman's amendment had to be accepted.

Senator Tillman went over to the Treasury Department the other day to sea about the claim. Controller Tracewell examined the bill as passed by the last Congress. He found that Mr. Tillman's mendment provided for the payment at